# KOGORO TAKAHIRA, THE JAPANESE MINISTER AT WASHINGTON, AND HIS LEGATION IN TIME OF WAR

An American Is the Gef Adviser of the OrientaRepresentative in Washiton.

The Japanese legation at ashington is, and has been for a num of weeks past, one of the busiest placat the national capital. Dozens of eers, an al-most incessant ringing of a telephone most incessant ringing of a telephone bell, messenger boys contilly coming and going, and letter carriedischarging an unusual eroportion of feir bugdens of mail constitute but a feef the symptoms of the feverist activ which prevalls at the American parties of the Yankees of the Great Tworking day of the secretaries, which me morning, now begins several hourstriler, and it is often past riadight ion the last lights disappear in the letten offices. The center of Japanese terests in the New World is a singular impretentious three story brick buildin well leaded, however, in the central p of that section of Washington which frequented by the people of officiam. There is nothing to denote the gracter of the ministerial residence sauthe flag with its ball of flaming crim on a white ground, fleating from abgainft at the front of the house and lid emblem of the sun over the doorwax.

The first floor of the lation is given upsentirely to two largerawing rooms, an immerse dining rooming as smiller private dining room, wikitchens, pantires and halls. The se departments tro ranged one back of other, so that this entire first floor is a of expansive vistas.

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The furnishings and dirations of the house are such that the litter can readily imagine himself in tifflowery Kingdom. Japanese paints, views in Japan, porcelains from a Laind of the Rising Sun, teakwood tas, bamboo furniture, Oriental screen carved vory images and a wealth other reminders of life and art on the her side of the world, contribute to tillusion. Much of the second or of the legation is given over to oce on much the same plan that the sidential offices were formerly located the second floor of the White House, and of late this workshop for the Japan diplomats has



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minister, three secretaries, an American

Ever Wide Awake to Learn of New Inventions in the Field of Militarism.

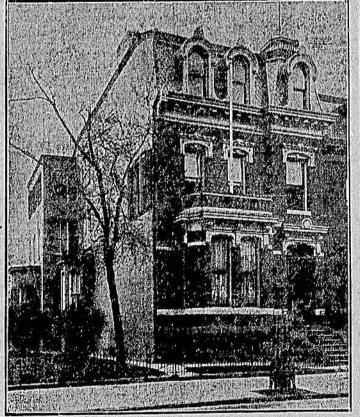
addition to these, there are a number of cierks and a number of young men who are attending the School of Diplomacy at Washington, and who, while not officially recognized as student-attaches of the legation, in reality hear that relation, since they assist in various ways in the transaction of the heavy volume of business.

The secretaries at the Japanese legation are all young unmarried men, who not only dress in American fashion, but are sarterial models. In their method of handling business they are progressively Ambrican. For instance, correspondence received at the legation is sorted, considered, answered and filed, just as it would be in an up-to-date Yankee business office; the legation makes liberal use of press clipping agencies as a means of keeping in touch with public sentiment in all parts of the control, and the thoroughness of the watch which is kept for new inventions, particularly such as many be of use in warfare, might in itself constitute a keynote of the advance of the new Japan. the new Japan.

#### Use Cable Liberally.

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The Japanese diplomats are proverbially liberal users of the cable, and it is fortunate for them that the new Pacific cable was completed prior to the outbreak of hostilities. All messages, some of them very lengthy, are sent and received in cipher, and an extra task was laid upon the already overworked employes of the legation when, just at the outbreak of hostilities, the secret code was changed, making it necessary for the legation employes to familiarize themselves with a new communicative system. The Japanese diplomats have a valuable co-worker in the person of Durham White Stevens, an American, who has for years acted as counselor and confidential adviser at the legation. His association with Japanese interests is never consplcuous or spectacular: indeed, he makes every effort to keep well in the background, but his hand has been seen in more than one shrowd move which has heen made to bind the United States, but in young manhood



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went to Japan as occupant of a minor post in the American diplomatic service. He gained the good will of the Mikado's officials and eventually resigned his American commission to enter their service. In this latter he has continued ever since, having been detailed to the lega-

Magnificent Washington Home Merry Scene Since Hostilities With Russia Have Started.

Minister Wu Ting-Fang so popular with the general public, yet the Japanese representative is as advanced in his ideas of the East. Moreover, he probably knows Americans and their ways better than any other native of Japan now in the Mikado's service. This is due to the fact that he began his diplomatic career in Washington more than a quarter of a century ago, and although he has not been among Americans during all the entitle years he never allowed himself to

been among Americans during all the ensuing years he never allowed himself to get out of touch with Yankee political and industrial development.

After his initial period of service in the United States, which embraced an interval as consul-general at New York, Mr. Tikkahira served successively as Japanese minister at The Hague, Rome, and Vienna, following which he was vice-minister of foreign affairs at Toklo, a post he relinguished to take up his present duties. He is a cam, dignifed man, short of stature and stockly built. He is what the average American would denominate a man of few words, but it is not from lack of knowledge of our language, which he speaks fluently.

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Madame Takahira, the minister's young wife, is now and has been for months past absent in Japan, where she is visiting her children who have neverbeen in this country. She is a tiny woman, typically Japanese in the datality has been destricted. man, typically Japanese in her daintiness and very fond of American dress, which she has adopted exclusively in preference to the picturesque attire of he ence to the picturesque attra of her-mative land, although to be sure she occa-sionally has her troubles in the effort to make American dressmakers grasp her-ideas, for she speaks English far less perfectly than her husband. Minister and Madam Takahira have been lavish in their hospitality since coming to the United States over three years ago. They have a large disting room in their \$40,000 home, which latter, it may be noted, is

## JAPAN IS SHE REALLY IS.

BY JULES HURET.

Nation in the world has so profound a cennot of death and so little regard fore lives of others as the Japanese, theiry qualities essential to an ideal mify nation.

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DRAWING-ROOM OF THE JAPANESE LEGATION.

## OF THE WORLD? IS JAPAN THE PERIL

BY EDWARD H. HAMILTON.

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illiterature which grew up beautiful language of Octoway by the rude hands of rivers.

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## THE WOMEN OF JAPAN. BY MARY LOGAN TUCKER.

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### Can Cancer Be Cured? it Can.

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Just Received from City

## WAR DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH JAPAN'S EXHIBIT (Special Correspondent of the Times- than a thousand, Some of the articles work, bamboo furniture, and hundreds an exhibit of Oriental wares as never could not penetrate it, dynamite was are worth only a few cents, while the of other articles for household and in-

Orient will not interfere in the slightest the thousands of dollars;

ST. LOUIS, March 12.-War in the value of others can be reckoned only in dustrial uses,

with the participation of Japan in the World's Fair, either in commercial or official plans.

Fifteen car loads of exhibits have altered been installed in the different paraces, and a cargo has just been unloaded at Tagoma. All of the cighty thousands or doubts.

More than 20,000 different specimens have than 20,000 different specimens.

In the Varied Industries Palace 640 axhibitors have combined in showing 24,000 different kinds of handwork. Exhibits from the farm, orchard and forest from the farm and forest from the farm of the

Fine Japanese silk of every color and

texture, in its raw state and made into beautiful kimonas and other garments, will be shown in the textile department. Water proof clothing and fabrics of various kinds will be included in the display, showing the superior quality of Japanese weaving and the patience re-

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Japan is not far behind the largest of nations in mineral production, and a display of her resources is made in the last of the snows have melted and the sunshine comes to stay a wonderland of flowers will burst into bloom. The same energy which emphasized the work on the reservation has been present in the last of the thousands of exhibits in their respective palaces. All this work

transplanted to the World's Fair a typi-